

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS
Release No. 2215/January 14, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-16287

In the Matter of

JOSEPH MEUSE

ORDER

Today, the Division of Enforcement filed a declaration that establishes that service of the Order Instituting Proceedings (OIP) on Respondent was effected no later than today pursuant to 17 C.F.R. § 201.141(2)(i). Therefore, assuming Respondent was served through his counsel by mail, Respondent's Answer is due by February 6, 2015. OIP at 2; 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.160(b); .220(b). While the Division's declaration represents that the telephonic prehearing conference scheduled for January 21, 2015, is unnecessary because "the parties have reached a settlement," there is no reason to cancel the prehearing conference, nor disband the requirement that Respondent answer the OIP, unless a joint motion pursuant to 17 C.F.R § 201.161(c)(2) is filed before January 21, 2015.

SO ORDERED.

Jason S. Patil
Administrative Law Judge